Exchanging SDEF Data with RMS and QCS

Tips you will need to know about:

- 1. The dates on the SDEF schedule are compared to the actual start/finish dates on the Daily QC Report.
- 2. All modules updated by the SDEF schedule must be assigned to the QCS Site importing the SDEF schedule.
- 3.QCS now compares the current imported schedule update to the previous approved schedule.

Schedules and the SDEF

An active role in change management is mandatory to mitigate costs of the Government and the Contractor. Organized procedures, such as schedules, form the backbone of a strong and effective Quality Control and Quality Assurance organization.

The Critical Path Method (CPM) is a planning and scheduling method that utilizes a network diagram (graphical plot) to show all job operations in a sequential fashion necessary for orderly completion.

A critical item for the Contractor, when preparing an updated schedule is ensuring that the Scheduler has used the correct Actual Start and Finish dates of activities as reported on the jobsite. A new report has been added in RMS and QCS that identifies all activities that have had an Actual Start or Actual Finish since the last schedule update was imported into QCS. This report will greatly assist the Scheduler in preparing the next update.

When QCS is asked to import a schedule update it will check the SDEF file to ensure that the Scheduler has used the Actual Start and Actual Finish dates as were entered in the Daily QC Reports. If the dates do not match, QCS does not allow the updated schedule to be imported. In order to assist the Contractor in managing these dates, QCS provides a second report that specifically addresses all differences between the dates from the Daily QC Report and the dates from the SDEF File. This report is an error report labeled: "Invalid Actual Starts/Finish Dates on Schedule"

In the event the Contractor determines that the Actual Dates in the Daily QC Report are incorrect, the Government can mark the Daily QC Report — "Return to Contractor for corrections" and export it back to the Contractor. The Contractor is then able to access the report, correct the dates, and send the report back to the Government.

The SDEF file will not import a Schedule update into QCS unless:



- 1.The Actual Start/Finish dates in the SDEF file MUST match the dates entered in Daily QC Reports.
- 2. If QCS will not import the updated schedule due to the dates not matching, it will still import all the other data from the SDEF file, including a Pay Request.

The Start/Finish dates in QCS must match the dates in the SDEF Schedule

When there is a discrepancy between dates, QCS can generate an error report that tabulates which dates must be changed. When this message appears, you should press the "Error Report" button to view the report. A sample error report is shown on the next page.



The result is TWO Daily Reports that must be corrected. The report that the Activity was first reported Started/Finished, and the report that IT SHOULD have been reported Started/Finished will have to be returned to the Contractor for correction.

QCS generated Error Report



Invalid Actual Starts/Finish Dates on Schedule.

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MV/Construct Large Admin Building VBC W912ER-04-D-0008 0014

VV-Victory Resident Office

		Actual S	tart Date	Actual Fi	nish Date	
Activity No.	Activity Description	Actual Start on QC Report	Actual Start on Schedule	Actual Finish on QC Report	Actual Finish on Schedule	Required Action
5200	Design Duration - CLIN 0005	08/15/2008	08/15/2008	04/10/2009		Use dates from QC Report
11100	Review & Approve QCS/RMS Imple	11/03/2008	11/03/2008	12/03/2008		Use dates from QC Report
12040	USACE Review Proposal / Issue	10/24/2008	10/24/2008	12/10/2008		Use dates from QC Report
20000	Provide Security During Constr	12/14/2008	11/19/2008			Use dates from QC Report
30030	Butler Fabs Primary PEB Struct	11/04/2008	11/04/2008	12/18/2008		Use dates from QC Report
30220	Wall Panels are Fabricated	11/04/2008	11/04/2008	12/27/2008		Use dates from QC Report
31010	Start of CLIN 0003 Constructio	12/14/2008	11/19/2008	12/13/2008	11/20/2008	Use dates from QC Report
31020	Site Prep for Foundations	12/14/2008	11/19/2008	02/27/2009		Use dates from QC Report
31630	Butler Fabs Secondary PEB Stru	11/04/2008	11/04/2008	12/18/2008		Use dates from QC Report
31720	Roof Panels are Fabricated	11/04/2008	11/04/2008	12/27/2008		Use dates from QC Report
32005	General Conditions	12/14/2008	11/19/2008			Use dates from QC Report
32075	Erect Stairs	05/09/2009	05/09/2009		06/15/2009	Use dates from QC Report
32080	Pour 1st Floor Concrete Slab o	03/28/2009	03/28/2009		06/14/2009	Use dates from QC Report
32160	Exterior CMU Wall / Door Frame	04/10/2009	04/10/2009		05/31/2009	Use dates from QC Report
32170	Exterior CMU Wall / Door Frame	03/31/2009	03/31/2009		06/16/2009	Use dates from QC Report
32200	Erect Exterior Wall Panels	05/22/2009	05/22/2009		06/22/2009	Use dates from QC Report
32220	Exterior Stucco Finish	05/16/2009	06/01/2009			Use dates from QC Report
32315	Building Envelope Sealing Syst		06/06/2009			Use dates from QC Report
32380	Rough-in Fire Detection & Alar		05/25/2009			Use dates from QC Report
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QCS Report: Activities Started/ Finished Since Previous Schedule



Activities Started/Finished since Previous Schedule

05 Nov 2009

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Activity No.	Activity Description	Actual Start reported on QC Report	Actual Finish reported on QC Report	Activity Status
10000	Award Contract / NTP for Desig	08/14/2008	08/14/2008	Activity Finished
10010	Notice to Proceed for Construc	10/28/2008	10/28/2008	Activity Finished
10020	Period of Performance (330 Cal	10/29/2008		Activity in Progress
10030	Pre-Construction Conference	09/03/2008	09/03/2008	Activity Finished
10040	Kick off Meeting/Design Concep	09/03/2008	09/03/2008	Activity Finished
10060	Project Activation/Mobilizatio	08/15/2008	11/30/2008	Activity Finished

This report should be provided to the Scheduler prior to updating the schedule for the contract. The Actual Start/Finish dates must match in order for QCS to import the SDEF schedule.

The following modules need to be assigned to the QCS site that will import the SDEF file

The following Modules are updated from your Network Analysis System (SDEF). When importing the SDEF file, all of the following modules must be assigned to the site importing the file.				
Pay Activities:	[GQNFRC46] Manuals			
Activity Schedule:	[GQNFRC46] Manuals			
Progress Payments:	[GQNFRC46] Manuals			
Prime Contractor / Subcontractors:	[GQNFRC46] Manuals			
Features of Work:	[GQNFRC46] Manuals			

If the above modules are assigned to other Remote QCS Sites they must be reassigned to the QCS site that will import the SDEF file.

All other modules (e.g., Request for Information, Contractor Insurance, etc.) may be assigned to any Remote QCS Site because the data elements in the other modules are not a part of the SDEF file.

QCS now compares the current imported schedule update to the previous approved schedule



Compare Proposed Update to Previous Schedule

04 Nov 2009

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Construction Services Section

Current Schedule calculated on 12/03/2008

Previous Schedule calculated on 12/03/2008

Construction Start

	Current	Previous
Schedule Start Date	08/01/2008	08/01/2008
Notice to Proceed	08/11/2001	08/11/2001
First Activity Start	12/06/2008 ES	12/06/2008 ES
First Activity 10100	Transfer Employee	s Out of Exis

Need First Activity Date to perform calculation.

Construction Finish

	Current	Previous
Schedule End Date	10/07/2009	10/07/2009
Required Completion	05/16/2003	05/16/2003
Last Activity Finish	09/23/2009 LF	01/23/2009 LF
Last Activity 10020	Period of Performand	ce (330 Cal

Contractor is scheduled to finish 2322 days late.

Activity Progress

	Current	Previous
Activities Not Started	4	9
Activities In Progress	2	1
Activities Finished	4	0
Total all Activities	10	10

Number of Activites scheduled to Start/Finish in next 30 days

Scheduled Early Start	0
Scheduled Late Start	0
Scheduled Early Finish	1
Scheduled Late Finish	1

40% of Activities Finished

Critical Activities

	Current	Previous
Critical Activities	4	8
Negative Float Activities	0	0
Number of Relationships	6	26
Low est Total Float	0 days	0 days

Contractors with the most remaining Critical Activities

Contractor A	:
OWN	:

100% of Activities Not Started are Critical

Activity Changes

Activity Changes	
	Activities Changed
A1. Activities added	0
A2. Activities deleted	0
A3. Description changed	0
A4. CLIN changed	2
A5. Unit Cost changed	0
A6. Units changed	0
A7. Quantity changed	0
A8. Amount changed	2
A9. Contractor changed	0
A10. Feature changed	0
A11. Area changed	0
A12. Category changed	0
A13. Phase changed	0
A14. Duration changed	0
A15. Workers changed	0

Schedule Changes

	Activities Changed
B1. Actual Starts	2
B2. Actual Finishes	4
B3. Should have started	0
B4. Should have finished	0
B5. Changed to Critical	0
B6. Changed to not Critical	0
B7. Early Start Date	0
B8. Late Start Date	0
B9. Early Finish Date	1
B10. Late Finish Date	1
B11. Total Float	0
B12. Remaining Duration	0
B13. Lag changed	0
B14 A. Relationships added	0
B14 B. Relationships deleted	20